

**South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council**  
*Office of Executive Policy and Programs | Department of Administration*  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**The Developmental Disabilities Council will have a maximum amount up to \$120,000 established for Employment priority area programming for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.**

The Developmental Disabilities Council is soliciting proposals for projects that implement evidence-based approaches for individuals with developmental disabilities consistent with the State Plan Goal and Objective listed below.

**State Plan Goal 1: Employment**

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities will receive the necessary employment services and supports to become employed in an integrated setting.

**Objective 1**

Support programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that promote access to integrated workforce development systems.

**Additional Proposal Requirements**

- Implement evidence-based job-seeker discovery activities with adult participants in ID/RD, Community Supports, or HASCI Medicaid Waivers.
- Priority will be given to proposals that address the elimination of sub minimum wage programs.
- Include a professional development component for staff to increase their skills in job-seeker discovery. DD Council expects curriculum to be replicable, scalable, and sustainable.
- Proposals are encouraged to include strategies that engage at least one of the following service delivery systems: education organizations, Centers for Independent Living, employers, SC Works, Vocational Rehabilitation, and/or other relevant entities and support systems.
- Include letters of collaboration from stakeholders describing each partner's specific contributions.
- Priority is given to proposals that include a self-advocate in proposal development, oversight, decision making, and/or as a paid employee under the grant.
- Describe how programming contributes to or aligns with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) South Carolina Unified State Plan, Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Final Rule, and South Carolina Employment First efforts.
- Include a S.M.A.R.T. work plan: specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timed.

Resources for Applicants		
Resources	HCBS Final Rule and WIOA	Employment First
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">LEAD Center Guided Group Discovery</a></li><li>• <a href="#">OCALI: What is Discovery?</a></li><li>• <a href="#">OH Employment First: Career Discovery Tools</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Competitive Integrated Employment for people with ASD</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">SC DHHS HCBS Resources</a></li><li>• <a href="#">SC WIOA Unified State Plan</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">SC DD Council Employment Policy Position</a></li><li>• <a href="#">SC DDSN Employment First Policy Directive</a></li><li>• <a href="#">HireMeSC: Employment First for Service Providers</a></li></ul>

Awards are for three years upon Council approval; however, reapplication is required for second and third-year funding. Year one is from 7/1/22 to 6/30/23. Please direct questions regarding the grant application process to Valarie Bishop at (803) 734-0215 or [valarie.bishop@admin.sc.gov](mailto:valarie.bishop@admin.sc.gov).

**To retrieve a copy of the grant application, visit our web site at <http://scddc.sc.gov/> or call (803) 734-0465**

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